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Applicants : Kenji KITA et al.

Art Unit:

Application No.: 10/811,953

Examiner:

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Title : METHOD FOR RETRIEVING DATA, APPARATUS FOR RETRIEVING  
DATA, PROGRAM FOR RETRIEVING DATA, AND MEDIUM  
READABLE BY MACHINE

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NOTIFICATION OF LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS

Sir:

In accordance with the requirements under 37 CFR 1.27 and 1.28(c), applicants hereby notify the Office of a loss of entitlement to Small Entity status. An assignment was previously filed for this application assigning the rights in the invention to SYNFORM CO., LTD., SOFTEC, INC., Kenji KITA, Masami SHISHIBORI and Shun'ichiro OE. Kenji KITA, Masami SHISHIBORI and Shun'ichiro OE are individual inventors and SYNFORM CO., LTD. and SOFTEC, INC. are companies. The undersigned was first informed by applicants' foreign counsel that the two company assignees were small software development companies. Thus the undersigned believed that this application was previously entitled to Small Entity status. On April 1, 2004, the undersigned received a letter from applicants' foreign counsel stating that one company was a large entity. Therefore, applicants hereby change their status to

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Large Entity status and comply with 37 CFR 1.28(c)(1) and (c)(2) as set forth below.

- (1) A \$385.00 fee (small entity fee) for the basic filing fee was previously paid on March 30, 2004.
- (2) A \$385.00 fee is the payment for the deficiency owed for the basic filing fee since \$770.00 should have been paid for Large Entity status.
- (3) A \$43.00 fee (small entity fee) for the extra independent claim fee was previously paid on March 30, 2004.
- (4) A \$43.00 fee is the payment for the deficiency owed for the extra independent claim fee since \$43.00 should have been paid for Large Entity status.
- (5) Therefore, a total deficiency payment of \$428.00 is currently required.


The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$428.00 (for the payment of the deficiency in the basic filing fee and the deficiency in the extra independent claim fee (1 claim x \$43.00)) as well as any other fee that may be required to keep this application in force to Deposit Account No. 19-2586, referencing Attorney Docket No. 0087/008001. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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Regarding any overpayment made, please credit this  
overpayment to Account No. 19-2586, referencing Attorney Docket  
No. 0087/008001.

If there are any questions regarding this application,  
please telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed  
below.

Respectfully submitted

  
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